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SUBJECT.

Opening of grain shops in the Bangalore City

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Sl 12) To, The Dr of Civil Supplies
" President Bore & Cu. C.
" D.C. Bangalore &c
" Comptroller Thro' H Secrt
" I G of police
" Revenue Commr
" Secy to Govt Revenue Dept
No G 6869-75 dt 3-10-18

Accord sanction to the establishment of the temporary Retail Depot in Bangalore City for a period not exceeding 6 months

Sd/-
21/12/18

Sd/-

W.D. 88—G.P.B.—50,000—24-7-16

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Opening of grain shops in the Bangalore city

From The Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore

No. 2994 Dated 24.9.18 Received 24/25.9.18

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Submits proposals regarding the opening of grain shops in the Bangalore city.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

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WD 1232—GPB—20,000—18-11-16

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1 The action taken by the Director of Civil Supplies has been satisfactory so far & merits approval.

Agree.

2 It is a good feature of the arrangement that they do not involve any direct financial sacrifice on the part of Govt. This indicates that the prices fixed are nearly the normal market prices & the principal effect of the action taken is to steady the market and prevent violent fluctuations due to speculation, profiteering & similar undesirable transient causes.

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3 As observed in paras 4-5 & 6 of the letter if this steadying influence is to be maintained Govt. should control a fairly large stock of the commodity & the proposals of the Director in para 6 of the letter appear to be suitable for adoption. It may however happen that if seasonal conditions improve & prices get easier, the Govt. depot may be left with a large stock which it may have to dispose of at a loss. On a stock of 10000 bags (taking 60 bags to the cartload), if normal price of rajgira goes down about 40 Rs. per cartload, Govt will stand to lose about 10,000 Rs. Even this loss will not be too heavy a premium to pay for insuring the

This is the view we have taken in the instance of this kind.

NOTE.—Contn. sheet

GPB—70,000—17-12-15

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Stability of the market till the next harvest comes in.

4 The Director may be authorised to buy rotee up to 100000 bags. The entertainment of a small establishment as referred to in para 9 of the letter may be approved sanctioned for a period not exceeding 6 months.

I agree

A

5 As regards financing the scheme 1000 cartloads will cost 50 thousand rupees, but the whole may not have to be paid at once. At present the Director has taken in advance of ~~ab~~ 15000 Rs from the Bank & I presume that the Bank will charge about 6 to 7 per cent for the accommodation. Instead of this arrangement it will be better if Govt can place a sum of 25000 Rs ~~of~~ to the Director's credit in the Bank and allow him to carry on the transactions on this account. Govt have large deposits with the Bank & it may not be difficult to arrange for the sum being set earmarked for this purpose. This however a matter on which the H Secy may be consulted.

I think so too

A

is may be done now.

Extra number

25/9/18

6 Vide marginal remarks

Secy

25.9.18

7 H Secy with compliments for favourable opinion

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NOTE—Contn. sheet.

GPB—70,000—17-12-15.

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7 There is no objn. to the proposals at AA in the Chiefs note dy. 25.9.18.
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To Chief Secy. in the Complimy.

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8 A draft Govt order is put up
hereg
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2.10.18

10 Dirs may be apld

Extra member
Govt
4/10/18
4/10/18

11 Govt approved
Hence
2.10.18

12 Issue ordered to Secy
in Council.

Govt
3/10/18
4/10/18

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13 Draft letter communicating the order submitted

5.X.18.
18/10/18

Communicated
5/10

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To

The Director of Civil Supplies
President Bangalore City Municipal Council
Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District
Comptroller, Mysore Government
Inspector General of Police in Mysore
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore

G. O. No. G. 6869-75 & 3.10.1918

Accords sanction to the entertainment of the temporary establishment costing Rs 89 per mensem for work at the Central Office, Bangalore City for a period not exceeding 6 months

14. Draft issued. File returned vide para 12 (leg) of the rules

9/10/18

(Illegible)

For Chief Secretary
G. J. 9/10/18

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POLITICAL DEPARTMENT
OCT. 1918

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WD A 1789—GPB—60,000—20-3-18—S.

DIARY NO. 5472

No. 2994/2

Office of the Director of Civil Supplies,
and Controller of Prices in Mysore,
Bangalore, 24th September 1918.

SECRETARIAT. II
POLITICAL BRANCH.
SEP. 1918

From

C. Ranganatha Rao Sahib, Esq., B.A., I.C.S.,
Director of Civil Supplies in Mysore,
Bangalore.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 9 S 381-2 pp. 101-18-1 dated 13th Sept 18 to the Honorary President of the Municipality, regarding the opening of grain shops in the City, I have the honour to report that in accordance with instructions issued to me in person, in view of rumours about looting in Bangalore, I started on the 13th instant grain shops for the sale of ragi in (8) quarters of the City as follows:--

1. Old Tarugupet managed by Mr. Mandi Hariyanna.
2. New Tarugupet " S.K. Narasimmayya & Arunugiri Chetty
3. Cottonpet. " Mr. Shivappa.
4. Akkipet. " " B.K. Thimmarayappa.
5. Gudumaina Petta. " " Narasappa.
6. Cubbonpet. " " Audappa.
7. Ragipet. " " Papayya.

2 The shops are managed without any expense to Government by the leading resident of the selected locality to - whom periodical supplies of ragi are forwarded from purchases effected by me at New Taragupet. The Gentlemen in charge of the shops whose names are given above are instructed to - to sell 12 seers of Ragi per family per week for one rupee. They have been provided with tickets to be issued to consumers a sample of which I submit for the information of -- Government. They have however been advised to issue what

what they consider as the normal requirements of the family freely in order that no hard and fast rule might stand in the way of free issues of necessary supplies.

3. I have to report that up to this date I have purchased 2443 bags of ragi containing 340 cartloads and 106 seers at Rs.50/- per cartload in the bazaar. Of this quantity 1000 bags were forwarded under your instructions to the Deputy Commissioner of the Mysore District, and 651 bags have been distributed up-to-date among the different depots leaving a balance of 792 bags in stock for further supplies to the depots in future. The total value of the Ragi purchased inclusive of bags is Rs.18633-7-5.

4. As the conditions on the 13th instant necessitated my obtaining delivery without delay of all Ragi that I could lay hold of, I requested the Manager of the Bank of Mysore to allow me to draw on him for any amount that may be required by me. I have accordingly drawn a cheque for Rs.15,000/- in favour pf Mr. Mandi Hariyanna for distribution among merchants who have given me ragi. I submit for the information of Government copy of a statement of account showing the purchases of Ragi effected and the manner of distribution. In view of the fact that the grainnshops are managed without any cost to Government and ragi is sold retail at 12 seers a rupee, I believe it will not be necessary for Government to incur any expenditure on account of the ragi shops started in Bangalore. The amounts realised by the retail sale of ragi may be utilised for effecting periodical wholesale purchases to get the shops adequately supplied. But owing to the fixation of the maximum price of ragi in the Bangalore and Tumkur

Does not the bank charge interest on the advance? How much? How is it met

Districts supplies may not come into the market freely. It will be necessary for Government to see that adequate stocks are kept ready at hand not only to supply the City but also to meet the periodical requirements of the District Officers and the Directors of Civil Supplies of Bombay and Madras. I beg to submit for the information of Government that the policy of fixing maximum prices entails a responsibility of providing adequate supplies at the prices fixed and it will be necessary for Government to adopt all measures to ensure that such supplies are forthcoming.

Why do not merchants buy to meet this demand

5 In view of the great importance of this question, I venture to append below an extract from an article in the American Economic Review for March 1918 dealing with the United States Food and Fuel Control Act emphasising the conclusion drawn from the experience of European countries during the War that a maximum price will be a failure unless Government take steps to obtain supplies sufficient to enable them to control the market. The extract is as follows:

"Secretary Houston's reason for recommending that the Government be given authority to deal in foodstuffs in case of emergency was evidently his belief that it might be necessary in order to provide an effective method for maintaining any minimum or maximum prices which might be fixed by the Government. This opinion was shared by Mr. Hoover, who asserted in his testimony before the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry on May 8, 1917, that a maximum price had proved a failure in Europe except when the Government owned so much of a commodity that it could control the market. To illustrate he stated that the French Government imported last year about 25 per cent of their bread stuffs requirements and used that as a

a club to maintain the maximum price, but "in all commodities where there is no club of that character the maximum price is a total failure."

6. I therefore submit that it is necessary to purchase and stock a sufficient quantity of ragi in a Central Depot in Bangalore. I submit that we may begin with about 10,000 bags and that I may be authoris-ed to buy up to this quantity as supplies are avail-able. I believe it will be possible to manage this transaction without any serious loss to Government -- beyond what may be involved in the establishment re-quired for the depot, the interest on the capital in-vested on ragi and other expenses incidental to a large grain store.

How much?

7. I request to know whether I may continue the system which I was forced to adopt, owing to the urgency of the occasion, of obtaining the necessary finance from the Mysore Bank or whether Government will decide to place me in funds for the purpose. I beg to suggest that until some experience is gained as regards the magnitude of the transactions necessary to control the price of ragi, all business may be con-ducted through the Mysore Bank, the accounts being audited by the Comptroller.

for may please an imprest of say 25000 by the Director cash in Mysore Bank -

8. As stated already the scheme of Government control of ragi by the fixation of maximum prices re-quires, in addition to adequate financial provision, such steps as may be necessary to get ragi into the market. For the last fortnight there has been a large decrease in the number of carts of ragi coming into Bangalore. It is probable that no sinister meaning need be attached to this falling off and that the failure of ryots to come to Bangalore is due to their employment on their fields in consequence of the

the recent rains. I have, however, with a view t prepared for the worst, addressed yesterday a meeting of the Amildars of the Bangalore District kindly convened at my request by the Deputy Commissioner requesting them to have it published widely in their taluks that I am prepared to purchase ragi at the prices fixed by Government and that it may be delivered either at Bangalore or at any railway station in the District. I anticipate that when this becomes sufficiently well - known ample supplies will be forthcoming.

(This watched)

9. I solicit the sanction of Government for entertaining a staff as noted in the margin at the - central ragi store. The store will be placed in - charge of one of the Inspectors. As the opening of the store was urgent I have in anticipation of - sanction employed the staff and I beg that my action may be approved.

| Establishment. | |
|---|---|
| One Clerk on Rs.25/-. | Rs.25/- |
| Two peons.on Rs.8/- each. | " 16/- |
| Three watchmen Rs.8/-each. | " 24/- |
| Two measurers Rs.9/- each. | " 18/- |
| One woman servant Rs.6/- | " 6/- |
| Total. | " 89/- |

I have the honour to be,

S i r,

Your most obedient servant,

C Ranganatha Rao Sahib

Director of Civil Supplies.

N.P.S.

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ಪ್ರೆಸಿಡೆಂಟ್, ಮ್ಯುನಿಸಿಪಲ್ ಕೌನ್ಸಿಲ್.

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Statement showing the purchase and distri

in Mysore, Bangalore City, since the

| | Purchases from | no of Ragi Bags | no of seers in bag | Total seers | Value Rs | as | ps |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Messrs. M. Chicksiddappa | 240 | 100 | 24,000 | 2.074 | 12 | 6 |
| 2 | P. Hajee Badsha Sahib & Co. | 100 | 80 | 8,000 | 673 | 2 | 10 |
| 3 | B.C. in D.G. Nagarajiah | 81 | 80 | 6480 | | | |
| | — do — | 20 | 96 | 1.920 | 908 | 10 | 9 |
| | — do — | 32 | 72 | 2.304 | | | |
| 4 | S.K. Narasimiah | 50 | 72 | 3,600 | 305 | 8 | 8 |
| 5 | S. Venkatappa | 13 | 80 | 1.040 | 80 | 12 | . |
| 6 | M.K.T. Abdul Rahim sait | 175 | 80 | 14.000 | 1.178 | 1 | . |
| 7 | Messrs Margapuram & Co. | 99 | 96 | 9,504 | | | |
| | — do — | 68 | 95½ | 6,494 | 1.367 | . | 2 |
| 8 | Messrs Singri Ranjappa Lingappa | 154 | 96 | 14,784 | | | |
| | — do — | 60 | 93 | 5,580 | | | |
| | — do — | 45 | 80 | 3,600 | 3.518 | 6 | 6 |
| | — do — | 181 | 96 | 17,376 | | | |
| 9 | Messrs Yelay Sidlingappa | 714 | 96 | 68,544 | 5.964 | 2 | 1 |
| 10 | Messrs B.M. Veerappa Bros. | 91 | 80 | 7,280 | 618 | 8 | 6 |
| 11 | B. Chinnappa Chetty & Son | 300 | 72 | 21,600 | | | |
| | do (of which 20 bags are without gunnies) | 20 | 80 | 1,600 | 1,934 | 6 | 8 |
| | Purchase of 20 empty gunnies | | | | 10 | . | . |
| | Total | 2443 | | 217,706 | 18.633 | 7 | 5 |

(Sd) A. Sambasivaiyer.

23.9.18.

bution of Ragi by the Director of Civil Supplies

16th September 1918.

| | Supplies to | no. of bags | wt. of each bag | Total seers | Value Rs. as. ps. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Mr. Harianna old Jarapet depot | 132 | | | 1,141 2 1 |
| 2 | Messrs S. A. V. A & Co. New Jarapet depot | 100 | | | 673 2 10 |
| 3 | Mr S. K. Narasimiah, -do- | 6 | | | 38 6 4 8 |
| 4 | " Sivappa, Attepet depot | 50 | | | 432 4 . |
| 5 | " Narsappa, Gudumiapet depot | 50 | | | 432 4 . |
| 6 | " Adappa, Cubbonpet depot | 47 | | | 332 1 5 |
| 7 | " B.c Thimmayappa, Akkipet depot | 94 | | | 645 11 9 |
| 8 | " Through Mr. Hariyanna, Rajipet depot | 40 | | | 270 9 2 |
| 9 | Dy. Commissioner, Mysore, by rail | 1.000 | | | 7,932 13 9 |
| | Stock in Govt. Godown at Bangalore city | 867 | | | 6387 1 9 |

N.B. Out of the stock in godown, 75 bags were delivered to the following depots to day:—

S. K. N. New Jarapet depot 20 bags 120-10-5

Harianna - old Jarapet 20 bags 120-10-5

Thro. Mr. Hariyanna - Rajipet. 20 bags 120-10-5

S. A. V. A & Co New Jarapet 15 bags 90-7-10

75 bags = Rs 452-7-1

Actual stock in Godown is

867 less 75 or 792 bags.

valued Rs 5.934-10-8.

2443. 18633 7 5

(Sd) A. Sambasivaiyer

23-9-18

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R e a d:--

Letter No. 2994 dated the 24th September 1918 from the Director of Civil Supplies and Controller of Prices in Mysor submitting for the approval of Government, a report of the action taken in the matter of opening grain shops in ~~the~~ Bangalore City for selling ragi to the poor at favourable rates and soliciting the orders of Government on certain points referred to therein.

(Printed as an annexure)

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O r d e r No. G6869-75

Dated Bangalore, the 3-10-1918.

The action taken by the Director of Civil Supplies is approved. The issue of tickets may advantageously be entrusted to the Municipal Commissioners of the several Divisions.

2. The Director is authorised to buy and store ragi ~~in~~ at a Central Depot in Bangalore City up to a limit of 10,000 bags in the first instance. The Comptroller is requested to place a sum of Rs. 25,000 in the Mysore Bank at the credit of the Director of Civil Supplies. Arrangements will be made to credit to the Mysore Bank without delay, the amounts realised by the sale of ragi at the several Depots.

| | |
|---|---|
| One Clerk on Rs.25 | Rs.25. |
| Two peons on " 8 each. | " 16 |
| Three watchmen on Rs. 8 each. | " 24. |
| Two measurers Rs.9 each. | " 18. |
| One woman servant on Rs. 6. | " 6. |
| | Rs.89. |

3. Sanction is also accorded to the entertainment of the marginally noted temporary establishment costing Rs. 89 per mensem for work at the Central Depot for a period not exceeding 6 months the cost being debited to the allotment sanctioned above.

4. The Director of Civil Supplies is requested to submit for the information of Government a monthly report as to how the arrangement works.

Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Di

" President, Bangalore City Municipal Council.

" Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dt.

" Comptroller, Mysore Government, through the Financial Secretariat.

" Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.